



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 20, 2007

### **H.R. 176** **Shirley A. Chisholm United States-Caribbean** **Educational Exchange Act of 2007**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs  
on June 26, 2007*

H.R. 176 would authorize a comprehensive program to improve primary and secondary education in nations in the Caribbean region and an educational exchange program with those same countries, and would authorize the appropriation of such sums as may be necessary over the 2008-2012 period for both programs.

The bill would authorize the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to expand existing initiatives for teacher training and community involvement in school activities. Based on information from USAID, CBO estimates that implementing this provision would require funding of \$15 million a year, and would cost \$2 million in 2008 and \$48 million over the 2008-2012 period, assuming appropriation of the estimated amounts.

H.R. 176 also would authorize the Secretary of State to establish an exchange program for secondary and post-secondary students from the region to study in the United States, and to collaborate with Caribbean countries to establish similar opportunities for U.S. students. According to the State Department, H.R. 176 would duplicate existing efforts to facilitate exchange programs with Caribbean countries; thus, CBO estimates that implementing this provision would have no significant effect on spending subject to appropriation. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts.

H.R. 176 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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